

SOCIETY AND HOME TOPICS FOR WOMEN

SOME IMPORTANT POSTS ARE FILLED BY WOMEN

Tasks Fitted Usually to Masculine Hands Performed In French Province By Women—Other Matters of Feminine Interest—Social Doings of Hot Weather Season—Announcements of Events Prospective

By MYRTLE MILES



MISS KATHERINE LEVY
The pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Levy of Montgomery, who frequently visits her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Levy, in this city.

In contrasting woman as a butterfly and as a busy bee, the London Graphic comments on the small amount of clothing worn by the fashionable woman of today and the masculine attire worn by some freakish women and calls attention to the fact that women who really compete with men in hard work stick to the conservative clothes of their sex. This is particularly true of the French working woman. The French peasant woman fills a big place in the agricultural life of France, while in the towns we find the petite bourgeoisie taking an active share in commerce—a widow often running a business entirely alone. These facts explain the existence of Froissy, a village in the department of l'Oise, on the borders of l'Isle de France and Picardy, with a population of between 500 and 600 souls. And in this very exceptional village all the public posts are filled by women. The station master (chef de gare) is Mme. Taillefer. Her husband is a guard. It doesn't trouble him that he has to take occasional official instructions from his wife. She knows that if she were a guard and he was station master the home (le foyer) would suffer. Think also what a community of interests these two billets provide for them; Froissy gets its daily mail delivered by a woman postman (factrice), while it is the business of another employée des postes to see the outward mail aboard the train. In Froissy there is no such person as a male barber. All the men's heads are placed at the mercy of Mme. Jeanne Marchandin, the gentle barbiere, who with skillful hands shaves or cuts the hair of all her friends. They are her friends, for who would quarrel with the only barber in the place? The most striking and interesting figure in the community, however, is Mme. Druhon Marchandin. Hers is the task of heralding all important public events with drum music—weddings, for instance. She has an erect, martial figure, strongly marked and humorous features, and bears proudly the weight of her 80 years. An odd occupation for a woman is that of road mender (cantonnier). Lastly, there is the young telegraphist, who keeps Froissy in touch with the outside world.

Women's occupations are not always of an alluring nature. The Viennese butcher is a case in point. Was it choice or necessity or dreams of gold that drove Miss Hermine Reinsner to the brutalizing scenes of the slaughter house at the tender age of 20?

LANE-LANEY CARDS ARE RECEIVED
The following card has been received by Birmingham friends:
"Mrs. Minna Fleming Laney requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Minna Belle, and Mr. Herick Johnson Lane, on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 9, at 5 o'clock, Trinity Episcopal church, Columbus, Ga."

Included cards mention:
"At home after September 5, Squaw Shoals, Ala."

REUNION OF CAMPING PARTY
The party of young people who returned Friday after a week in camp at West Lake, where they occupied an attractive bungalow, will enjoy a series of interesting reunion parties at the homes of the various members. Last evening Miss Marjorie Beall and Miss Nettie Beall entertained the party at their home. Another

meeting will occur Saturday afternoon when the men of the party will be hosts for a swim at West Lake. Each of the girls will follow at intervals with an informal entertainment.

CLUB YEAR BOOKS ARE AT LIBRARY
The Study Circle year books are completed and may be secured by the members of the organization at the public library. The culture club year books are ready for distribution and may be obtained from the public library.

NOTES AND PERSONALS
Miss Margaret Moore returned last night from her grandfather's cottage near Knoxville, Tenn., where she has spent several weeks. She will be in the city until she leaves for the Spence school in New York, September 10, when Mr. and Mrs. Moore will accompany her and visit Atlantic City and other eastern places.

Miss Gillian Goodall will be a student this year at Sweetbrier college, Virginia. She plans to leave September 20 and will be accompanied by Miss Beverly Leake.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bowers left yesterday afternoon for the Massachusetts coast, to be absent the remainder of the summer. They will make the trip by water from Savannah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leedy have as their guest Mrs. Mary Jones of Huntsville.

Miss Helen Edwards has returned from a visit of 10 days to relatives in Sylacauga.

Mrs. C. C. Snider writes from Greenville, S. C.: "After an ideal trip through North Carolina, we are homeward bound. The roads are in excellent condition, the scenery beautiful, the crops good, especially through Georgia. I could continue this mode of travel the remainder of the summer, but Mr. Snider hears the call of the business man."

Mr. E. J. Dunn, who has been seriously ill, was reported yesterday resting very easily.

Mr. J. C. Gravelle of Memphis spent a day or two in Birmingham recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leedy will leave September 1 for Atlantic City.

Miss Willie Florence Jones left yesterday to visit Miss Emma Strain in Darien, Ga. Before returning to Birmingham she will go to St. Simon's Island for a short stay.

Mrs. George Bates Kelley and her sister, Mrs. Lottie Austin Patterson, have returned from Wrightsville Beach, where they spent several weeks.

Miss Miriam Wilson is at home after spending several weeks in New York and other points in the east.

Mrs. David Roberts and Miss Belle Roberts are at Linville, N. C.

The friends of Mr. C. E. Lewis will be glad to learn that he is convalescing after his recent illness.

Mrs. Benedict Boshwitz has returned from Tuscaloosa, where he was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Kilgore. Mrs. Kilgore, who is visiting Mr. Kilgore's parents, is expected home next week.

Mrs. William Hood and Mrs. Russell Hunt have returned from Montague, where they attended the chautauqua.

Friends of Miss Flora Loveman of Chattanooga, the sister of Mrs. Bruce Brewer, will be interested to know that she presented the two cups offered in the mixed foursome played last week at Linville, N. C., where she is spending several weeks of the summer season.

Miss Charlotte Black is passing several weeks in Rome, Ga., with relatives.

Mrs. James McLeester and children are expected to return this week from Wrightsville Beach, N. C., where they have spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Saxton Crawford plan to go to Montone Saturday to spend a fortnight at the summer home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Orr.

Mrs. George Stafford and little George Stafford, Jr., are at home after spending several weeks in their cottage on Shades mountain.

Judge Lyons a Delegate
Opelika, August 20.—(Special.)—Probate Judge John B. Lyons has been appointed by Governor O'Neal as a delegate from this congressional district to attend the third American Highway congress which will be held in Detroit, Mich., from September 29 to October 4. Judge Lyons is an enthusiastic good roads worker and Governor O'Neal's selection for a delegate was wisely made.

HELPING HAND HINTS FOR THE HOME

By MARION HARLAND

Molasses Pie
Two teacups molasses, one teacup sugar, three eggs, three tablespoons sifted flour, one tablespoon melted butter, two lemons (juice), one grated nutmeg. Beat eggs and sugar together, then add flour, next molasses, then lemon juice, nutmeg and butter. Add a pinch of salt, beat and bake in pastry.—Kindness of Mrs. M. L. W.

Banana Fritters
One cup flour, one cup sweet milk, one teaspoon baking powder, two eggs, pinch salt. Slice bananas, put in batter just described, and fry in hot lard; sprinkle with sugar. Apples may be used instead of bananas and are good.—Kindness of Mrs. M. L. W.

Shrinking Cotton Voile
I think I can give intelligent advice on the subject of shrinking cotton voile before making it up. I am an experienced seamstress and think it a great mistake to make up any washable materials without first shrinking them. Fold the material in yard lengths and lay smoothly in a tub of lukewarm water. When it is thoroughly saturated lift it from the water and without wringing hang smoothly over the line. Let it drain and dry slowly and while it is still damp fold and press with a not too hot iron. If you are to trim it with lace or embroidery shrink the trimming also, and when sewing have the tension on your machine as loose as will make a firm stitch. Follow these directions and when your gown is finished you may be sure it will always retain its shape and not be a terrible disappointment to you the first time it is laundered.—MRS. M. L. W.

Used By Scott and Campbell
The following appeared in the Corner some weeks ago in reply to an inquiry as to the authorship of a couplet:
"Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore
And coming events cast their shadows before."

I am inclined to think the lines belong to Scott, as they occur in his "Lady of the Lake" where Blanch of Devon meets King James in the Scottish highlands.—MRS. A. W. F.

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Is from the pen of Thomas Campbell, a Scotch poet. He was born in the city of Glasgow in 1777 and was remarkable for beauty and delicacy of expression. His poems, which are in quotable lines, the couplet referred to is from "The Pleasures of Hope."

Over the Pantry Window
To "Perplexed Housewife": It is necessary to have the pantry window wide open during the summer. To keep dirt from blowing in I have tacked a piece of thin floor sacking tightly over my window screen. This may easily be removed and washed. It gives the pantry a neat appearance.—MRS. H. H.

Way to Cook Rhubarb
Martha H., who wishes to know different ways of cooking rhubarb, will find this a nice recipe: Wash and trim and cut into small pieces. To five pounds of rhubarb add four pounds of sugar, one tablespoon cinnamon, one tablespoon cloves (ground), one cup vinegar. Let simmer all well done and thick. Put into jelly glasses and seal. To be used as a side dish or with meat. Care must be taken as it burns easily.—M. B.

Hamburg Roll Recipe
I enclose a recipe for maraschino cherries, which was asked for by H. M. C. in a recent issue of the Corner, and hope it reaches her before the season for cherries is over. I thoroughly enjoy the Corner and receive many valuable hints and recipes. Here is a recipe for Hamburg rolls: Two pounds of Hamburg steak, one-half pound pork sausage, two cups bread or cracker crumbs soaked and squeezed dry. Mix all together thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper. Put one can of strained tomatoes, into which has been sliced one large onion, in a baking pan. Roll meat out in small cakes, place in tomatoes and onions, and bake in a moderate oven 40 minutes.—GRACE M. W.

To Clear and Settle Coffee
A correspondent asks what is the best way to make clear coffee. I submit what I believe to be the surest method of getting clear, strong coffee. Given always the best quality of coffee, freshly ground and infused with freshly-boiled and boiling water: For two pounds of coffee in the bean, empty into a large basin, break an egg into it and stir constantly until every bean is well covered. In a short time each bean will be perfectly dry. Place in the coffee mill and grind as needed. Pour half cup of cold water over the grounds, pour on the desired amount of boiling water. When ready to serve the coffee will be clear as amber. Use one egg to two pounds of coffee. This any one can afford, regardless of price. It is excellent to clear coffee.—MRS. E. B. K.

Cucumber Chowder Recipe
A good old summer time the cucumber is in its prime. The chowder is unintentional, I assure you, but let it stand as an introduction to my recipe for cucumber chowder: Two quarts cucumbers, chopped; two onions, chopped; two quarts cabbage, chopped; three green peppers, chopped. Remove skins and seeds of cucumbers and let the chopped stand in a weak brine all the morning and drain well. Then make a paste of the cucumbers. One-half cup flour, two tablespoons mustard, three cups brown sugar, one tablespoon tumeric, one tablespoon of mustard seed, two tablespoons of celery seed. Mix this well and make a smooth paste by adding a little vinegar. Now thicken one-half gallon vinegar with this paste. When it boils add the chopped cucumbers. Let all boil up well before canning.—MRS. C. W. Y.

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"The attachment of the instrument, the 'basin', with the organ, is my idea," said Mr. Weston, as we spoke of the curious xylophone arrangement that is used in the latter part of the 'act.' "The xylophone is sort of grandfather to the organ, being a very old instrument of that family. The South Sea Islanders first brought it into prominence, and the white man afterward perfected it. The South Sea Islanders used it in their war dances, and their festivities, and it is one of the oldest musical instruments on record. With it we use all the connections of the organ, the big 16 foot bourdon stop, the eight foot diapason in the great organ, the four foot reed saxophone and the two foot diapason. With the xylophone it makes a most beautiful effect, the latter with its delicacy and exquisite tone being brought into the combination as a drop of bitters would be used in a cocktail—just to give it the right flavor."

"I am going to New York from here next week," said Mr. Weston, "to play a week's engagement before sailing for the other side. We open in London on September 6 at the Victoria palace, where we are to play an indefinite engagement, I'm very proud of the way my 'act' is in demand, and I can truthfully say that I do not believe there is anything like it, either on this side or abroad, on the vaudeville stage, as it is absolutely original."

I was standing in the wings of the theatre at the matinee yesterday—talking to Mr. Weston about his musical act.

"I've always been musical," he said, as he moped the great beads of perspiration off of his forehead—"make-up" and all coming with it," and out of my music I amassed a good sized fortune which I was luckless enough to lose in the earthquake up in San Francisco."

"Of course," he continued, "I didn't expect to let a little thing like an earthquake put me out of business, and so I at once started out to rehabilitate my financial affairs and went back to the States. I was determined in doing so to get up an 'act' that managers would take as a 'filler in.' I wanted to do something that they'd really want. So I began with an idea that everybody told me was

absolutely impossible and impractical. "You mean the 'act' you are presenting now?" I asked.

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